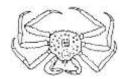
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PERSONAL USE GOLDEN KING CRAB ANNOUNCEMENT EAST CENTRAL AREA CLOSURE

Juneau . . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game (department) announced today that the personal use golden king crab fishery in the East Central Area will close at 12:00 noon, **Saturday**, **February 10, 2018**.

East Central cannot withstand the level of personal use harvest prescribed in regulation [5 AAC 77.664(a)(1)] and will be kept closed for one year. Refer to Figure 1 for a map showing open and closed waters for personal use golden king crab fishing effective **February 10, 2018**.

Closed Area Descriptions [5 AAC 34.107(d)] (effective February 10, 2018)

• East Central: all waters of Section 11-D, District 10, and District 9 east of a line from Kingsmill Point at 56°50.00′ N. lat. 134°25.17′ W. long., to Point Gardner at 57°01.00′ N. lat., 134°37.00′ W. long., all waters of District 8 north of the latitude of Blaquiere Point at 56°35.00′ N. lat., all waters of Section 6-A, and all waters of District 5 north of the latitude of Point Baker at 56°21.53′ N. lat.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1C0318.

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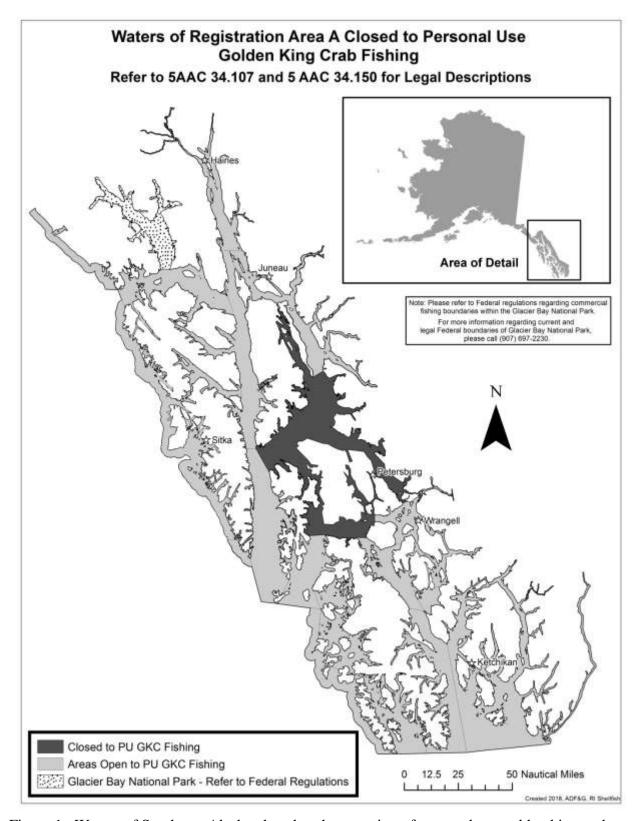


Figure 1. Waters of Southeast Alaska closed to the retention of personal use golden king crab.